



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheracloone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross, St. Molua's Magheracloone, St. Patrick's Ardragh



Newsletter

April 2008

Worship

Midweek Communion

There will be midweek services on the Thursdays in April at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's. We have a particular concern for the working community and the sick at these services and everyone is welcome to come along.

News

Carrickmacross E.G.V.

We have had to change the date for this meeting and it will now be held on Tuesday 8th April at 8.30pm in the Parish Room. This meeting is the AGM of the parish and is open to all parishioners, though only those who have their names on the General Vestry Register are entitled to take part in any voting. This year, as well as electing a Select Vestry the

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meeting will have to elect Diocesan representatives to attend the Diocesan Synod on behalf of the parish and parochial nominators who are responsible for appointing new Rectors as needed!

Study Group

The way things are working out with other events we will only be able to hold the Study Group on a fortnightly basis for the coming months. The meeting dates will be the 7th and 21st April, and the 5th and 19th May. We will continue to study the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians through to the summer.

Parish Barbecue

Currently we are making plans for a Parish Barbecue to be held at the Rectory on Saturday June the 14th beginning at 7pm with junior sports, followed by food at 8pm and a disco at 9pm. It is not intended to be a fund raiser but just a parish get-together and the intention is to restrict it to

parishioners. If you have any suggestions about this contact the Rectory. More details next month.

Clerical Conference

The Rector will be away for two days at the annual Diocesan Clerical conference from the 28th April in Dunfanaghy though the Rectory will still be occupied.

Reports

Jacaranda Farm

The Diocese is currently raising funds to support the development of farming in Kaduna Diocese in Nigeria. In this parish we made envelopes available for people to make a donation to this project. We were hoping that parishioners would put something by over Lent and put it on the plate in one of the envelopes over Easter. We have had a reasonable response and if anyone has not yet got around to making a donation there is still time. Please ask the Rector for an envelope.

Quiz Sheet

We would like to thank everyone who bought a Quiz Sheet in aid of replacing the Junior Table Tennis Club equipment lost in the Jackson Hall fire. We had a good number of entries and the winners were drawn from among the correct entries at the Table Tennis meeting on Friday 14th March. The winner was Mrs Etta Keating, Corkish, Drum, second was Mr Victor

McElwaine and third was a member of the Junior Table Tennis, Victoria Lewis. We congratulate all the winners and those who got the correct answers. With the proceeds of about E340 the Table Tennis equipment has been replaced and some Sunday School equipment purchased. There was still money in hand to open a youth group bank account with the intention of getting more equipment for Youth work in the Parish as needed. We are much indebted to Mr Eugene O’Gorman of O’Gornam’s Supermarkets for the Easter Hamper he donated as the first prize and also to Mrs Margaret Babington and Mrs Jenny Merrin who provided the second and third prizes. A sincere thanks to all who made this such a success.

EGV Report

Magheraclone and Ardragh Easter General Vestry was held on Wednesday 26th March with a rather disappointing attendance. The Rector gave his address thanking the outgoing office bearers, Select Vestry members and all those who had cared for the churches and prepared them for worship over the past year. Mrs Violet Babington presented the annual accounts for 2007 which showed expenses of E11,677.69 and an income of E16,513.37. This represents a very healthy financial situation and is due to the generosity of all those who supported the parish financially during the year. The accounts were adopted with sincere thanks to Violet for the work she had done throughout the year on the accounts. There then followed the annual elections. Mr James Babington and Mr David Babington, Mr John

THIS MONTH

Sunday	6 th	7.30pm Lay Readers Licensing Derryvullen North
Monday	7 th	8.30pm Study Group in Parish Room, CMX
Tuesday	8 th	8.30pm Carrickmacross General Vestry Meeting
Thursday	10 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's 8.00pm Mothers Union and Friends.
Friday	11 th	7.30pm Table Tennis
Thursday	17 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	18 th	7.30pm Table Tennis
Sunday	20 th	7.30pm Healing Prayer Service, Glaslough
Monday	21 st	8.30pm Study Group in Parish Room, CMX
Thursday	24 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	25 th	7.30pm Table Tennis
Saturday	26 th	6.15pm Belfast Taize Gathering
Sunday	27 th	8.00pm Welcome Service to Rev M Pringle Glaslough
Monday	28 th - 30 th	Clerical Conference, Dunfanaghy

NEXT MONTH

Friday	2 nd	MU Diocesan Service, Killevan
Monday	5 th	8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room CMX
Thursday	8 th	MU and Friends Outing

COMING SOON

June 14th 7pm Parish Barbecue at the Rectory

Breaden and Mr Robert Whyte were elected churchwardens and there were ten other places filled. In the three year elections Mr David Babington was elected the Parochial Nominator and Mrs Violet Babington Supplemental Nominator. Mrs Margaret Babington was elected Synod member and Mrs Sadie Breaden is supplemental Synod member. In a general discussion much appreciation was expressed for the work done by the FAS scheme on the grounds. The Easter Vestry was followed by a short Select Vestry meeting at which Mrs Margaret

Babington was elected Hon. Secretary and Mrs Violet Babington Hon. Treasurer.

WWDP

For the first time in some years this service was held in St. Finbarr's and was well attended with many visitors who we were delighted to welcome. Representatives of the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian churches locally took part in leading the service along with some of our own ladies and an excellent sermon was delivered by Mrs Grosser, wife of the Baptist minister.

Sunday Services

6th April 2008, 3rd Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Psalm 116.1-3, 10-17, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

13th April 2008, 4th Sunday Of Easter (White)

Acts 2.42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.19-25, John 10.1-10

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

20th April 2008, 5th Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 7.55-60, Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-4

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Ms N. Quinn
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Ms N. Quinn

27th April 2008, 6th Sunday Of Easter (Rogation) (White)

Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-18, 1 Peter 3.13-22, John 14.15-21

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

4th May 2008, 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension) (White)

Acts 1.6-14, Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11, John 17.1-11

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

11th May 2008, Whit Sunday (Red)

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36, 37b, 1 Cor. 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

Parish Ministry Team

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St. Patrick's Parade

This did not take place on the day but the preceding Sunday and it was good to see a number of parishioners taking part both in the industrial parade and as part of community groups.

Parish Room

The stylish new Boiler and large teapot have proved their worth already at a number of events in the Parish Room. We express our sincere thanks for the generous gift of these practical items donated in memory of a loved one which will be a blessing to those who use the room for a long time to come.

Organisations

MU and Friends

There will be a meeting of this group on Thursday the 10th at 8.00pm in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross at which Ms Sarah Norton will be talking about and demonstrating pottery making. At the March meeting Rachel Hill gave a very interesting talk about gardening. We are very grateful to her for sharing her expertise with the group.

Table Tennis

There will be junior Table Tennis on Friday 11th, 18th and 25th April at 7.30pm in the Jackson Hall.

Bowls

The Indoor Bowling has finished for the season with a tournament for a perpetual Cup, a generous donation to the club by Mrs Irene Merrin and a dinner at Molly's Restaurant. The cup added a great deal of excitement to the tournament which was ultimately won

by Mr Freddie Monahan.

Notices

Healing Service

The Rector has been asked to preach at a Diocesan Healing Prayer Service to be held on Sunday the 20th April at 7.30pm in Glaslough. Everyone is invited to attend.

Welcome

On Sunday the 27th April at 8.00pm there will be a service to welcome the Rev Margaret Pringle as priest-in-charge of Glaslough. The Rector will be assisting Margaret in this work and has been asked to preach at the service of welcome.

Diocesan Diary for April

Sunday 6th April 2008 – 'Celebration of Hope' with Franklin Graham at Odyssey Arena, Belfast and Livelink to Darling Street Methodist Church and St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Friday & Saturday 8.00pm, Sunday 7.00pm.

Saturday 12th April 2008 – Macartan 1500+ organist workshop with Ian Keatley in , Enniskillen.

Saturday 12th April 2008 – Macartan 1500+ singing workshop with Ian Keatley in , Enniskillen.

Sunday 13th April 2008 – Macartan 1500+ Musical Performance with Fermanagh Choral Society, the Western Symphonia Orchestra, Soloist from the National Chamber Choir and Organist Ian Keatley.

Sunday 20th April 2008 - Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service in , Glaslough at 7.30pm.

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th

April 2008 - Clogher Clergy Conference in Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.

May Diocesan News

Friday 2nd May 2008 – Mother's Union Area Service for Southern Branches in at 8.00pm in Killevan.

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th May 2008 – Trip to with Inishmacsaint Mothers. If interested contact Sylvia Bourke on 028 68641638. Cost: £235.

Saturday 3rd May 2008 – Macartan 1500+ Ecclesiastical Heritage Tour of Enniskillen and South of Lower Lough Erne.

Saturday 10th May 2008 – Macartan 1500+ Ecclesiastical Heritage Tour of Enniskillen and North of Lower Lough Erne.

Sunday 18th May 2008 - St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Friends Service at 3.30pm. Preacher: the Very Revd. William Morton, Dean of Derry.

Wednesday 21st May 2008 – Deadline for applications for Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Projects. Post to Mrs F Brunt, Fivemiletown.

Thursday 22nd May 2008 – Mother's Union Spring Council meeting in Enniskillen Cathedral Hall at 7.30pm. Preceded by Bring and Buy at 7.00pm.

Saturday 31st May 2008 – Macartan 1500+ Ecclesiastical Heritage Tour of Lisnaskea and the surrounding area.

June Diocesan News

Sunday 1st June 2008 - Ordination to the Priesthood in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher of the Revd. Alison Seymour-Whiteley at 3.30pm. Preacher: Revd. R. Seymour-Whiteley.

Sunday 1st June – BBC Songs of Praise Broadcast from Enniskillen.

Friday 6th - Monday 9th June 2008 – Flower Festival in , Lack.

Saturday 7th June 2008 – Mother's Union Family Hog Roast and BBQ at (St. Angelo) at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 11th June 2008 – Ordination of Mr Charles Eames as deacon at 7.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Preacher: the Revd. Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of the Theological Institute.

Tuesday 17th June 2008 – Deadline for entries for Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Projects. Post to Mrs F Brunt, , Fivemiletown.

Friday 27th June 2008 – M.U. Road Show in Armagh, at 1.30pm. Service in the Cathedral, at 10.30am. Book Early as there is only seating for 1,200 delegates. Tickets: £6.00.

Lambeth Conference

Every ten years the Bishop's of the Anglican Communion of Churches are invited to meet together. It used to be held at the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Lambeth and even though it is now held at different locations it is still called the Lambeth Conference. It will be held this year from the 16th July to 3rd August 2008. The lead up to the conference has been somewhat controversial and we need to pray hard that this will be time of honesty and a time of healing for our communion of independent national churches which are now scattered all around the world..

JUMP

Do you know someone who would be perfect for the JUMP Programme?

The countdown is now on for the start of the JUMP Programme ... have you challenged a young adult to apply yet?

Recruitment is well underway for the JUMP Programme, however if you know someone who is considering youth and children's work as a career option and is ready for the challenge that this year out has in store for them please encourage them to contact Catherine Little at Church of Ireland Youth Department to find out more on 048 9066 0052 or catherine@ciyd.org or by visiting www.ciyd.org/jump

JUMP Programme interns will be doing a wide variety of work, everything from youth fellowships to mother and toddler groups, work with students to after schools clubs. The JUMP Programme will look different for each intern as the skills and talents of each are considered and matched with the needs of their host parish. Training will be a large part of the JUMP Programme for each Intern with the emphasis on personal development and their own relationship and journey with Jesus.

A year with the JUMP Programme will be crammed full of excitement, laughs, perhaps a few tears, learning, God moments, hard work, rewards, challenges, friendships, the list could go on and on. Challenge any young people you know to explore whether the JUMP Programme could be the next step on their journey.

Taize Community

On Sunday 26th April beginning at 6.15pm there will be a pilgrimage from the Roman Catholic Cathedral to the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Belfast ending with a time of praise and prayer in St. Anne's. This is being promoted by the Church of Ireland Youth Council.

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education 2008 Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Projects Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

The Ten Commandments.

Explore their origin, their content and their meaning to you in everyday life. As an example you can refer to pages 14 and 15 of the Kids' Guide and the Core Syllabus for Clogher Diocese.

This project is for primary school age children. Group or individual entries are acceptable. It is suggested to have an A4 booklet of approximately twelve pages

Bishop's Medal Project Jesus' Summary of the Law Instruction

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all you mind. This is the first and great Commandment and the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Explore the relevance of this in your life today at home, at school/work and in the community. Refer to your answers to the Ten Commandments, Duty towards God and Duty towards your neighbour. (Core Syllabus Stage 3 Obedience and Duty). This project is for Post-Primary Children and adults up to age 25.

Application for entry numbers for both

of these projects need to be with the Secretary, Mrs F Brunt, Fivemiletown by 21st May 2008. The actual entries need to be submitted to her by 17th June 2008. Copies of the Kids' Guide can be borrowed from the Rector who would be very keen to help anyone who might like to enter these competitions..

New Wine

This is a renewal and teaching week for all the family which is held each year in Sligo and has grown to be a very big event in the Irish Christian calendar. If anyone is interested in learning more the Rector has brochures available.

Summer Madness

This is the Church of Ireland's major youth event for young people run by the Church of Ireland Youth Council. It is being held this year at the King's Hall Complex at Balmoral Belfast from the 27th June to the 1st July and we would be interested in taking a group, if only for one of the days, to get the idea of how great an event it is. If anyone is interested in coming please let the Rector know.

Flower Festival

St. Luke's Parish, Loughgall is holding their 17th Annual Apple Blossom Fair on Saturday 10th May from 10.30am to 4.30pm

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